

### Imbler Seniors Present Comedy Wednesday Eve.

By Mrs. Ray Wilson (Observer Correspondent)

**IMBLER (Special)**—The senior play "Beats on a String," a comedy, held in Wade hall Wednesday evening was a decided success. The play was played to capacity by an audience, subduing their chuckles at the beginning of the first act, then lighting in on ever increasing rows of laughter as the plot unfolded. Lightning changes from the part of a sheik to that of a flapper proved Henry McCoy a clever and versatile actor. Charlie Henderson, as the rich old uncle who preferred girls, acted his part well as did Edford Smith playing the part of a friend of Bennie's. Vivian McFall acting the part of Bennie's mother proved the right of her sex to change her mind with the changing aspect of events. Madeline Oliver as Uncle Bennie's niece enacted her part nicely. Thelma Lloyd as Cleopatra Olemargarine Johnson was well made up and with good negro impersonation. The play was directed by Dorothy Redman, left nothing to be desired. Everett Holmes in the role of a detective, trained by correspondence school, was the origin of most of the mirth with acting worthy of a professional.

Before the play the seniors staged a jamboree of skits and musical numbers. Henderson in a three-act skit played the parts of two females and a male in an episode that ran the gamut from Ben Turpin comedy to Shakespearean tragedy. Dan Brown as the new doctor rehearsing an imaginary conversation with his first patient, was good in the role. Warren Deansson in his clever lay dancing and stunts responded to numerous and insistent encores. Vivian McFall and Madeline Oliver featured a vivacious beauty and love sick suitor in their own interpretation of "Do You Want to Take a Walk."

In a short intermission between the jamboree and play, Theron Anderson, president of the student body, presented to Mrs. Gordon, the coach of the play and member of the faculty, a beautiful picture of Willowa lake on behalf of the senior class. Lester Westenskow acted as master of ceremonies during the jamboree.

The A. G. S. conducted a candy sale before the program started which was well patronized.

Lloyd Rand, 17 years old and a former resident of Imbler, is dead, according to word received here. Since leaving Imbler he has been a resident of the southern part of the valley.

Mrs. Maud Brown, of Nebraska but formerly a resident of Island City, has been visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Olive Wilson. Mrs. Brown is an adopted sister of Mrs. L. W. Weeks, of La Grande. Her son, Rex, was drowned in the Willamette river, near Eugene, the last of March while working with a bridge construction crew. He and some other were in a boat that overturned and while swimming toward shore Rex suddenly disappeared and his body has never been found. The insurance company has refused payment of a policy they issued on his life, despite the fact that several witnesses to the tragedy were present. It is alleged: The foreman of the crew signed an affidavit for Mrs. Brown and a few minutes later, while working with electrical apparatus, was killed by a falling wire. The case is in the hands of La Grande attorneys.

Chick Cleaver, recently operated on for appendicitis, has been removed from the hospital, to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cleaver. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. Culp, of Elgin, was sawing wood for local residents Thursday and Friday.

Joe Lloyd, superintendent of the Church of God, announces that Sunday school next Sunday morning will be the concluding service, at least for awhile.

**Over Night News**

(By The Associated Press)

Washington—Wickersham commission finds present system of compiling crime statistics inadequate. New York—Commission proposes revision of Episcopal church Canon on divorce and remarriage.

New York—Presbyterian commission approves a control in report to general assembly.

Cape Henry, Va.—Rain drenches Hoover at celebration of colonists' landing.

Washington—Labor department notes improvement in March employment; sees spring boosting outdoor work.

New York—Mayor Walker charges communist plot is behind move to oust him.

Philadelphia—A. F. of L. committee says majority in both houses of congress favors Volstead act modification.

Oakland, Cal.—Five drown as motorboat capsizes in San Francisco bay.

Dover, N. J.—Lone policeman captures James Nannery, escaped Sing Sing convict and notorious gunman.

**BIG STILL CAPTURED**

PENDLETON, April 27 (AP)—A still with 225-gallon capacity was confiscated, and Carl Meifert of Pendleton was being held Saturday on liquor charges as the result of a raid led by Sheriff Tom Gurdane in the Blue mountains near Albee.

**Chintz Long in Use**

The chintzes of the Coromandel coast were celebrated in the time of Marco Polo, Thirteenth century. They are mentioned also by Ibn-bat-tah, a Portuguese, who visited India soon after the passage of the Cape of Good Hope by Vasco da Gama: "Great quantities of cotton cloths admirably painted, also some white and some striped, are held in the highest estimation."

### Radio Programs

**TUESDAY PROGRAMS**  
National Broadcasting Co.: 6, dance orchestra; 7, Amos and Andy; piano; 7:30, orchestra; 8, vocalists and ensemble; 9, orchestra; 10, orchestra; 10:30, Doric Quartet; 10, orchestra; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

Columbia Broadcasting system: 6, Joe and VI; music; 8:30, Radio Playhouse; 7, orchestra; band; 7:30, orchestra; Dr. Barrows; 8, Vest for Fun; Black and Blue; 8:30, musical program; 9, studio program; Wonders of the Sky; 9:30, orchestra; piano; 10, Emperor of the World; answer man; orchestra 12 to 1, Bagabond of Air.

Northwest Broadcasting system: 8:40, market; garden talk; 8, sports; 9:30, concert; Home; Melodies; 7, travel talk; light organ; 8:15, Orpheus Trio; Song Exchange; 9, orchestra; male quartet; 9:30, orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., Midnight Revelers.

**Spokane**  
KHQ (590): 7 a. m., Town Crier; Alice Blue Gown; 8, Happiness; 9, Walt and Norman; 10, color harmony; 10:30, Magazine of the Air; 11:30, Home Beautiful; organ; 12, talks; music; 2, studio parade; 3, service hour; 4, orchestra; 5, musical program; 6, NBC programs; 9:30, Chronical; 10, NBC; 11, Empire Forum; 10:30, Ensemble; 11 to 12, dance music.

**Seattle**  
KJB (970): 8:40 to 3 a. m., NBS programs.

**Tacoma**  
KVI (700): 6, CBS programs; 8, orchestra; 9, musical programs; 10, orchestra; 10:30, Walkathon; 11 to 12, dance orchestra.

**Portland**  
KEX (1180): 6, light opera; 7, silent; 8, travel talk; instrumental trio; 9, Cantata; 10, NBC; 11, Empire Forum; 11:30, orchestra; 12 to 3 a. m., NBS programs.

**Oakland**  
KLX (890): 7, news; 7:30, uke and banjo; 8, dance band; 9, piano; accordion and guitar; 9:30, Rhinard and Scott; 10 to 11, dance music.

**San Francisco**  
KFO (880): 7, Musical Capers; 8, music; dramatic reading; 8:30, Meeting in the Tavern; Roads to Hollywood; 9, symphony; 9:30, play; 10, news; 10:30, instrumental ensemble; 11 to 12, organ.

**Los Angeles**  
KNX (1050): 7, Watanabe and Archic; string quartet; 8, orchestra; 8:30, circus; 9, play; 9:30, Spanish ensemble; 10, Tom and Wash; Wranglers; 11, organ.

**Chicago**  
KHF (900): 7, orchestra; band; 7:30, musical programs; 9:15, Black and Blue; 8:30, concert; 9, studio program; Tapestries of Life; 10, news; orchestra; 12 to 1 a. m., organ.

**Denver**  
KOA (850): 6, NBC programs; 7:15, CBS; 8, Mike; 9, NBC; 10, NBC; 11, concert orchestra.

**Salt Lake City**  
KSL (1500): 6, NBC; 6:30, Romance of Gains; bank program; 7, NBC; 7:15, Merry Millers; 7:45, organ; 8:15, Chronicles; 9, University night; 10, serial play; 10:30 to 11, organ.

### Chats With Parents

**BROTHERS AS PLAYMATES**  
By Alice Judson Peale

It seems the natural as well as the sentimentally pleasant thing for brothers to be always together. A mother of my acquaintance hesitated to send her 10-year-old son to a certain excellent school because he would be separated from the companionship of his sixteen-year-old brother. They depended on each other, she said.

It was to her apparently a matter unworthy of consideration that this dependence expressed itself in the older boy not only in protectiveness but also in frequent nagging and bullying, and in the younger one not only in admiring imitativeness but in frequent tantrums of helplessness rage.

Generally speaking, it is probably well for even the most devoted of brothers to be separated from each other a good share of the time. Different classes, different schools even are desirable since they allow each child to develop his own interests and make his own friends in a thoroughly wholesome way.

The disparity in age between brothers necessarily gives the older a great advantage, an advantage which is apt to be a boomerang when it makes the other child accustomed to easy domination of a younger one. Every child needs to play most of the time with children of his own size although occasional play with older or younger children has its own lessons to teach, especially when such play is between children of the same family.

Sometimes it happens that a pair of brothers quite close in age are especially congenial playmates. Even in such instances, it is well to encourage them to cultivate other friends.

Under no circumstances should brothers be forced to play together just because they are brothers.

**Observatory Sites**  
Several factors are taken into consideration in choosing sites for observatories. A site is chosen where there are a large number of clear nights in the year, where the air is free from dust and haze, where the altitude is high enough for the site to be above part of the air, where a dry climate assures cloudless skies, and where smoke and artificial lights of cities are absent. To this must be added the factor of "good seeing" as opposed to "poor seeing."

**Orthodox Greek Church**  
Independent churches, not subject to any ecclesiastical authority, local and national, and not members of Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch and Jerusalem. They are members of Constantinople. There are no general heads, as in the case of the Roman Catholic church, and each with a head of patriarch, and they are national churches. They are national churches. The Greek Orthodox churches do not have a pope as the head of the church.

### Meier To Pursue Economy Program More Vigorously

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—Reiterating his charges that "the cards were stacked" against him, in connection with his unsuccessful attempts to oust Henry Meyers as superintendent of the penitentiary, Governor Julius E. Meier Saturday declared he will undertake more strenuously than ever his campaign against state extravagance.

"When I return to Salem on Monday," he said, "I shall renew my endeavors to place the state purchasing department, which is a huge joke, on a business-like basis."

"My business-and-economy program predicated on my promise to the people that I should do everything possible to effect reduction in taxes and retrenchment in other ways logistical and necessarily involves the eradication of inefficiency, wastefulness and extravagance in official places, however high."

"In my opening statement at the recent penitentiary hearing at Salem," he continued, "I declared that I realized that the cards were stacked against me so far as the other two members of the state board of control, Mr. Kay and Mr. Hoss, were concerned, and the act of these two members Saturday at Salem in voting a complete vindication of Henry W. Meyers confirms the truth of the statement then made."

"It is but natural, of course," the governor declared, "that both State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Hoss should vindicate Superintendent Meyers, because during the past four years he has been their superintendent of industries, and to have censured his management would have been tantamount to criticizing them-

### Kidnaping of Dr. Kelley Continues To Puzzle Police

ST. LOUIS, April 27 (AP)—William D. Orthwein II, spokesman for the family of Dr. I. D. Kelley, said Saturday no word had been received from Dr. Kelley or his captors. The physician was supposedly kidnaped Monday night after he had been lured from his home by a telephone call.

Orthwein's statement followed publication of a report that the family had received a letter Thursday afternoon from Dr. Kelley and with it announcement that the kidnapers wanted \$250,000 ransom, but would compromise for \$150,000.

Chief of Detectives Robert Kaiser also declared he had no word, either through the family or other sources, from the physician or his captors.

Apparently as deep a mystery as ever, a proposal to organize a vigilance committee to guard St. Louisians from kidnapings was under discussion here Saturday.

**FLORIDA'S FUTURE FARMERS EARN MORE THAN TEACHERS**  
MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Young future farmers of Florida last year earned more money than their teachers.

The cash income from pupils' projects in vocational agricultural schools of the state was \$159,725.47, or \$36,432.95 more than was paid teachers for this work from federal, state and local funds.

This information was revealed in the display booth at the South Florida fair. Total enrollment in vocational agricultural work during 1930 was 1,921 at 51 schools.

**CUT SPRING WHEAT COST**  
PIERRE, S. D. (AP)—Sprung by reduced wheat profits, farmers in the spring wheat region made a greater effort than ever this year to cut production costs by cleaning seed. They expect to reduce weed growth, aid smut control and get more uniform stands.

In 1922 the average seed sown in the eastern half of the region contained more than 2 per cent by weight of weed seeds.

### Northwest's Best Apple Exporting Season Is Ended

PORTLAND, April 27 (AP)—Hyman Cohen, writing in the Journal, said Saturday that this week "practically closes the most unusual and largest apple exporting season in the history of the Pacific Northwest."

"The last of the season's export supply," the articles said, "is being loaded today . . . and will probably be cleared Monday for London."

The paper estimates that more than 6,000,000 boxes of apples formed the total export from the two major ports of the Pacific Northwest this season. "In fact it would not be surprising," it points out, "if the exact totals were close to 9,000,000 boxes."

The last of Hood River's 1930 crop of export Newtons was being loaded for London Saturday.

"The 1930 apple crop export season," the paper said, "ends with a good taste in the mouth of the trade. Instead of general disaster that had been forecast early in the year, instead of the practical impossibility of moving the bulk of the apples, demanded for export, has been active and prices started at the bottom and continued upward through the entire season. It has only been the excessive record demand from Europe that has saved apple growers of the Pacific Northwest from even worse disaster than accompanied the potato and onion trade."

**HAD ELK MEAT**  
PENDLETON, April 27 (AP)—Hanley Stubblefield, charged with possession of elk meat, was convicted in circuit court here Saturday.

### The News Used To Be:

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
(From Observer, Wed., Apr. 26, 1906)  
J. Q. A. Richardson, of Lower Cove, was in the city yesterday and stated a movement was taking form to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the battle in Grande Ronde valley on July the seventh with appropriate exercises.

Two troops of the 14th cavalry post at Walla Walla arrived in the city last night on their way to Boise.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
(From Observer, Tues., Apr. 24, 1921)  
Heavy snow falling again in the Blue mountains has made the Old Oregon trail practically impassable between Meacham and the road from Hilgard east.

Following the uprising in the south part of the county against the proposed plan of developing and improving the water grade up Catherine creek instead of the Tolocast-Medical Spring road, advocates of the plan to use the Catherine Creek route arrived in the city this forenoon and are arguing their case before the county court.

Improvement work costing between \$1000 and \$1200 is being done at the Masonic cemetery.

Harry G. Avery, county agent, was among the speakers at the luncheon of the Ad club today.

**ONE YEAR AGO**  
(From Observer, Sat., Apr. 26, 1930)  
Smoked glasses, used negatives and other means of peering at the sun will be very popular in the western states Monday, the occasion of an annular eclipse of the sun.

Announcement has been made that the regional conference of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held in La Grande this fall.

Rev. W. H. Hartwig arrived this morning from Salem and will occupy the pulpit of the First Methodist church tomorrow morning and evening.

The Minneapolis team of the American Hockey league set an all-time league losing record of 17 straight games, but also had the 1931 season's longest winning streak, seven games.

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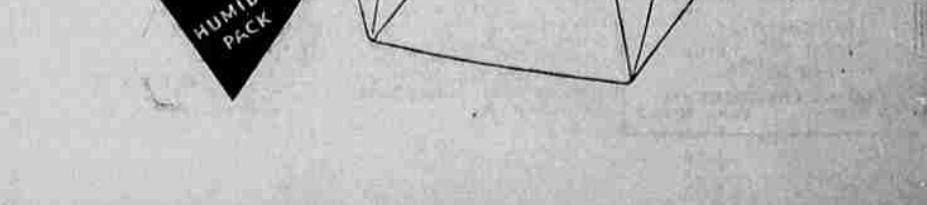
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